Exam centres for AIEEE

*554. SHRI PRAKASH JAVADEKAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are complaints received by Government in respect of hardship being faced by students appearing for the All India Engineering Entrance Examination on account of exam centres offered at far-flung places;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what are the remedial steps taken by Government to give relief to students?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) to (c) There have been a few reports that the examination centres for the students appearing in AIEEE 2008 have not been allotted as per their choices by the CBSE. Specific complaint has been received from Maharashtra which has examination centres only in Mumbai, Nagpur and Pune, Complaint states that the students have been given centres in Bhopal, Indore etc. in place of their choices of Mumbai, Nagpur and Pune.

Total number of candidates who have appeared a AIEEE 2008 is 862297 as against 641276 in 2007, which works out to an increase of about 34%. In view of a very large increase in the number of candidates, CBSE, which conducts AIEEE, has increased the number of centres to 1299 in 2008 as against 1047 in 2007. Out of 862297 candidates, 806316 candidates, *(i.e.* 93.5%) were allotted examination centres of their choice (1st, 2nd and 3rd choices). As there was a tremendous increase in the number of appearing candidates, in spite of best efforts, CBSE could not accommodate a small percentage (6.5%) of candidates in examination centres of their choice.

However, all girl candidates have been allotted examination centres in places of their choice.

More centres will be opened next year and steps will be taken to see that to the extent possible examination centres are allotted to candidates as per their choice.

Requirement of teachers

†*555. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has made an assessment of the total requirement of teachers in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and

(c) what is the position of the existing teachers' training institutions for training teachers to be quality teachers?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) and (b) Education is a Concurrent subject. Most schools come under the purview of State Government. However, an assessment of the requirement of teachers at various levels is given below:—

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